

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated May 16, 2007. Claims 2, 4, 9, 10, 12, 17 to 21 and 23 are pending in the application, of which Claims 9 and 23 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that Claim 23 is allowed.

Claim 9 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in Claim 23. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 9 is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

The other pending claims in this application are each dependent from the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed allowable for at least the same reasons.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

CONCLUSION

Finally, the previous claim count totaled 41, with 5 independent claims and 18 dependent claims, 2 of which were multiply-dependent (18 paid-for). The present amendment changes 2 formerly-independent claims to dependent claims and deletes the multiple dependencies (18 claims), bringing the current claim count to 12, 2 of which are independent. Accordingly, no claim fees are believed due; however, should it be determined that additional claim fees are required, the Director is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 50-3939.

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